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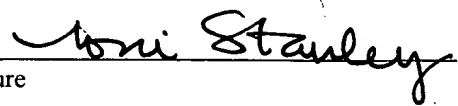
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of December 24, 2002 (Paper No. 5), with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 24, 2003, please amend the above-referenced Application as follows:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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